

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

The following listing, if entered, replaces all prior versions of the claims in the present application.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method in a computing system comprising:  
receiving, by a processor, a selection of an activity item, wherein  
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items,  
each one of the plurality of activity items represents one of a plurality of  
business related activities, and  
the plurality of business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a  
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;  
associating, by the processor, the activity item with a user by adding the activity  
item to a list of activity items of the user, in response to the receiving the  
selection;  
receiving, by the processor, an identification of the activity item being  
expensable;  
in response to the identification, automatically associating, by the processor, at  
least one expense item with the activity item, wherein  
a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item, and  
each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of ~~the one a~~  
business related activity represented by the activity item;  
receiving, by the processor, an activation signal for generating an expense report  
for the user; and  
in response to the activation signal[[:]]  
collecting, by the processor, two or more activity items from the list of  
activity items of the user,  
collecting, by the processor, associated expense items associated with the  
two or more activity items,  
creating, by the processor, the expense report, wherein  
the expense report comprises the associated expense items, and  
submitting, by the processor, the expense report to the user.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
prior to receiving the selection of the activity item,  
establishing activity types for each of the plurality of business related  
activities, expense types for costs associated with each of the  
plurality of business related activities, and associations between  
the activity types and expense types, wherein  
the establishing comprises  
associating one or more expense types of the expense types  
with an activity type, and  
the associating is based on receiving a selection indicating  
an expense type is associated with an activity  
type;[[,]]  
instantiating an activity type of the activity types-~~causes the creation of~~  
**an , wherein**  
**the instantiating the activity type comprises creating an** activity  
item **of the activity type;[[,]]** and  
instantiating an expense type of the expense types-~~causes the creation of~~  
**an , wherein**  
**the instantiating the expense type comprises creating an**  
expense item **of the expense type.**
3. **(Currently Amended)** A non-transitory computer-readable storage  
medium storing instructions that, when executed, cause a computing system to perform a  
process comprising:  
receiving a selection of an activity item, wherein  
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items,  
each one of the plurality of activity items represents one of a plurality of  
business related activities, and  
the plurality of business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a  
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;

associating the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list of  
 activity items of the user, in response to the receiving the selection;  
 receiving an identification of the activity item being expensable;  
 in response to the identification, automatically associating at least one expense  
 item with the activity item, wherein  
 a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense item, and  
 each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of ~~the one a~~  
 business related activity represented by the activity item; and  
 in response to receiving an activation signal for generating an expense report for  
 the user[[:]]  
 collecting two or more activity items from the list of activity items of the  
 user,  
 collecting associated expense items associated with the two or more  
 activity items,  
 creating the expense report, wherein  
 the expense report comprises the associated expense items, and  
 submitting the expense report to the user.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The non-transitory computer-readable medium of claim 3 wherein the process further comprises:

establishing for the activity item a date designated for the activity item; ~~and~~  
 establishing for the ~~one or more~~ at least one expense item[[s]] the ~~same~~ date  
 designated for the activity item; ~~and~~

wherein

the expense report is generated for a particular date range,  
the date is associated with a particular date range,  
the two or more activity items comprise the activity item, and  
the associated expense items comprise the at least one expense item.

5. (Currently Amended) A computing system comprising:  
a database;  
a client; and  
a server coupled to the database and communicatively coupled to the client,  
wherein the server is configured to  
receive a selection of an activity item, wherein  
the activity item is one of a plurality of activity items,  
each one of the plurality of activity items represents one of business  
related activities stored in the database, and  
the business related activities comprise at least a meeting, a  
demonstration, a presentation, and correspondence;  
associate the activity item with a user by adding the activity item to a list  
of activity items of the user, in response to the receipt of the  
selection, wherein the list of activity items is stored in the  
database;  
receive an identification of the activity item being expensable;  
automatically associate at least one expense item with the activity item, in  
response to the identification, wherein  
a plurality of expense items comprises the at least one expense  
item, and  
each of the plurality of expense items comprise a cost of ~~the one a~~  
business related activity represented by the activity item;  
receive an activation signal for generating an expense report for the user,  
wherein the activation signal is received from the client; and

in response to receipt of the activation signal[[:]]  
 collect two or more activity items from the list of activity items in  
 the database,  
 collect associated expense items associated with the two or more  
 activity items,  
 create the expense report, wherein  
 the expense report comprises the associated expense items,  
 and  
 submit the expense report to the client.

6. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the  
 server is further configured to:

establish for the activity item a date designated for the activity item; and  
 establish for the one or more expense items the ~~same~~ date for the activity item;

and

wherein

the expense report is generated for a particular date range,  
the date is associated with the particular date range,  
the two or more activity items comprise the activity item, and  
the associated expense items comprise the at least one expense item.

7. – 12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the establishing  
 the activity types further comprises:

providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity types.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 13, wherein  
 the list of the plurality of activity types is maintained by the user and contains  
 activity types predefined by an application administrator.

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein associations between each of the ~~one or more~~ **plurality of** expense items and the ~~plurality of~~ activity item[[s]] are based on a ~~pre-determined mapping~~ **set of associations that are predefined by an administrator.**

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein each of the plurality of activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein  
the category is one of the following categories:  
appointments,  
meetings,  
presentations,  
travel,  
demonstrations, and  
drafting correspondence.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of  
a description of an activity,  
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,  
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and  
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.

18. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein the selection of the activity item comprises:  
providing a user with a list of the plurality of activity items.

19. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 18, wherein  
the list of the plurality of activity items is predefined by an application administrator.

20. (Currently Amended) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein ~~the pre-determined mapping is~~ associations between each of the plurality of expense items and the activity item are based on ~~expenses appropriate for to the expense item~~ a set of associations that are predefined by an administrator.

21. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein  
each of the plurality of activity items corresponds to a category of expenses,  
wherein  
the category is one of the following categories:  
appointments,  
meetings,  
presentations,  
travel,  
demonstrations, and  
drafting correspondence.

22. (Previously Presented) The non-transitory computer readable storage medium of claim 3, wherein  
the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least  
one of  
a description of an activity,  
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,  
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and  
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.

23. (Currently Amended) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the selection of the activity item comprises:  
providing a user with a list of the ~~at least two~~ plurality of activity items.

24. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 23, wherein the list of activity items is predefined by an application administrator.
25. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein each of the at least two activity items corresponds to a category of expenses, wherein  
the category is one of the following categories:  
appointments,  
meetings,  
presentations,  
travel,  
demonstrations, and  
drafting correspondence.
26. (Previously Presented) The computing system of claim 5, wherein the plurality of activity items are based on information corresponding to at least one of  
a description of an activity,  
itemized tasks associated with the plurality of activity items,  
whether the plurality of activity items are associated with a client, and  
whether the plurality of activity items are expensable.
27. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 2, further comprising receiving information from ~~a user~~ **an administrator**;  
in response to the receiving the information,  
creating each of the plurality of activity types, wherein  
the creating of the plurality of activity types is based on the  
information,



creating each of the plurality of expense types, wherein  
the creating the each of the plurality of expense types is based on  
the information, **and**  
~~determining the pre-determined mapping~~ **defining a set of**  
**associations**, wherein  
the ~~determining~~ **defining** is based on the information, and  
the ~~pre-determined mapping~~ **set of associations** associates each of  
the plurality of expense types with at least one of the plurality  
of activity types, **[;]** and

~~in response to the receiving,~~

storing the information, wherein  
~~the storing is performed before the displaying,~~  
the information indicates whether one of the plurality of activity  
types is expensable,  
the information comprises a plurality of keys, **and**  
each of the plurality of keys is assigned to  
one of the plurality of expense types, and  
at least one of the plurality of activity types **[;,]**

**and wherein**

a ~~one~~ **first activity type** of the plurality of activity types represents a type  
of meeting,  
~~the instantiating~~ the first ~~one of the plurality of~~ activity type **[s]** **is**  
~~associated with~~ **creates** an instance of the first ~~one of the~~  
~~plurality of~~ activity type **[s]**, **and**  
the instance **comprises a first activity item, and**  
**the first activity item** is a specific meeting.